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Statistics regarding the unemployed

* 751 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have made any attempt to gather statistics of the unemployed in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir."

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" Sir, as there is acute unemployment and it is the burning problem of the day, may I know why the Government have not taken any statistics regarding unemployment? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Government have got statistics regarding those who have registered themselves with the Employment Exchanges. So far, it has been found not practicable to undertake a survey of unemployed people in the State but the National Development Council which met recently in New Delhi has proposed that the Central Statistical Organization should work out a scheme for a comprehensive survey of the employment situation in the country."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, may I know whether the new Statistical Officer who is going to be appointed by the Government will be entrusted with gathering particulars regarding unemployment in the State? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Yes, Sir, when this Central Statistical Organization would undertake a survey of the country, it would include this State also."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the people who get themselves registered in the Employment Exchanges are expected to renew their names every year. When they apply for renewal, they are not informed whether their names have been renewed or not and they are put to much hardship on this account. Will the Hon. Minister be kind enough to issue instructions to the officers in charge of these Employment Exchanges to send post cards to the applicants informing them whether their names have been renewed or not? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I shall look into the suggestion."

Malabar district village officers

* 752 *Q.*—SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 159 on 15th March 1954—

(*a*) whether any enquiry has been made to ascertain whether the Government received any memorandum from the Malabar District Village Officers' Association on 21st November 1953, regarding their grievances; and